



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

November 21, 2002

Mr. Robert K. Temple  
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Chicago, Illinois 60601-1681

Re: Suburban Self Storage

Dear Mr. Temple:

Thank you for your letters dated October 9, 2002, and October 22, 2002, concerning the potential liability of your client Suburban Self Storage at the Ellsworth Industrial Park Superfund Site (the "Site") in Downers Grove, Illinois.

Suburban Self Storage has received notice letters from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) concerning the Site because Suburban Self Storage is the current owner of a property where releases of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants may have occurred or may have come to be located. As such, Suburban Self Storage *may* be an owner subject to liability under 42 U.S.C. §9607. U.S. EPA is not, however, aware that Suburban Self Storage has itself ever actively disposed of hazardous substances at its Downers Grove property.

U.S. EPA greatly appreciates your client's willingness to provide access and cooperation for ongoing investigations at the Site. Those investigations may provide further information that will help U.S. EPA determine whether it is appropriate to remove Suburban Self Storage from the list of *potentially* responsible parties (PRPs) at the Site and/or to address Suburban Self Storage under U.S. EPA's de minimis or other settlement authorities. Until our investigation can develop additional information on the sources and extent of contamination, however, U.S. EPA must continue to include Suburban Self Storage on its Site PRP list. If our investigation demonstrates that Suburban Self Storage is not a PRP, U.S. EPA will take action to remove Suburban Self Storage from the Site PRP list.

Sincerely yours,

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